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Sir:

This amendment is in response to an Office Action (paper 6) for the above-identified application mailed on April 7, 2004. Claims 1-36 are pending. Claims 11-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph. Claims 10-13, 15-18, 20-23, and 30-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph. Claims 1-4, 14, 15, 24, 25, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,351,536 to Sasaki. Claims 5, 10, 12, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Sasaki further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,193,115 to Vobach. Claims 7-9, 19, 27-29, and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Sasaki and Vobach and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,453,353 to Win et al. referred to hereafter as Win. Claims 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Sasaki and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,105,012 to

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Chang et al. referred to hereafter as Chang. Claims 6, 26, and 34-36 were objected to as dependent upon rejected base claims but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Reconsideration of the rejections in view of Applicants' remarks and amendments below is respectfully requested.